

## HALL COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING JANUARY 9, 2007

The Hall County Board of Supervisors met January 9, 2007, by published call in the county board meeting room, 121 South Pine, Grand Island.

CALL TO ORDER - The meeting was called to order by Chairman James Eriksen.

INVOCATION - Invocation was given by Bob Rye.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – The Pledge of Allegiance was given in unison.

ROLL CALL - Present on roll call were, Scott Arnold, Jim Eriksen, Bob Humiston, Bud Jeffries, Pamela Lancaster, Robert Rye and Daniel Wagoner. Also present was a representative from the *Grand Island Independent* and Deputy County Attorney Michelle Oldham.

NOTICE OF OPEN MEETING LAW – Chairman Eriksen read the notice of the open meeting law.

CONSENT AGENDA – Lancaster made a motion and Jeffries seconded to approve the following by consent agenda:

1. Accepted and placed on file the minutes of the December 22 meeting
2. 5b Set the public hearing for the railroad crossing at 150<sup>th</sup> Road for January 23, 2007, at 9:30 a.m.
3. 5c Approved the diesel fuel claim in the amount of \$1,866.00
4. 8 Approved the county depositories for 2007
5. 9 Approve Resolution #07-001 for the exchange of collateral for Platte Valley State Bank in the amount of \$500,000.00
6. 10 Authorized the chair to sign the supplemental agreement with the Nebraska Department of Roads for a handi bus, this was discussed at budget time
7. 15 Approved the final plat and Resolution 07-002 for Prairie Road Subdivision
8. 16 Approved the bi weekly pay claims and authorized the Clerk to pay
9. 23 Placed on file the office reports from County Court, Clerk of the District Court Hall & Howard County Juvenile Services and County Sheriff
10. 24 Placed on file the Hall County Treasurer's Miscellaneous Receipts
11. 25 Placed on file communications as received.

Arnold, Erikson, Humiston, Jeffries, Lancaster, Rye and Wagoner all voted yes and none voted no. Motion carried.

### OFFICE REPORT COUNTY COURT December 2006

FINES (CO.)	\$ 53,828.42
OVERLOAD FINES	3,025.00
REIMBURSE SHERIFF FEES	1,934.75
WORK RELEASE FEES	986.00
REIMBURSE FAX COPIES	19.00
FINES (CITY)	8,846.33
REIMBURSE WITNESS FEES	517.09
BOND FORFEITURES	5,055.68
REIMBURSE CO. FEES	378.68
TOTAL	\$74,590.95

OFFICE REPORT  
CLERK OF THE DISTRICT COURT  
December 2006

COURT COSTS	\$ 3,877.39
10% BOND	200.00
FINES	366.50
PHOTO COPIES	241.75
FAX FEES	48.00
INTEREST	885.99
BOARD OF PRISIONERS	1,855.00
BOND FORFEITURE	12,510.00
PASSPORT PROCESSING FEE	5,040.00
POSTAGE/FAX FEES	00.00

OFFICE REPORT  
HALL COUNTY SHERIFF  
November 2006

TOTAL FEES MILEAGE & MISC	\$ 15,871.81
HANDGUN APPLICATIONS	60.00
TITLE INSPECTIONS	2,970.00
COPIES	64.04

OFFICE REPORT  
HALL COUNTY JUVENILE SERVICES  
December 2006

JUVENILE REFERRALS	44JUVENILES
JUVENILE OFFENDERS	0 JUVENILE
JUVENILE HOUSE ARREST	1 JUVENILES
TOTAL UNDER SUPERVISION	253 JUVENILES
FEES COLLECTED	\$1,175.00

OFFICE REPORT  
HOWARD COUNTY JUVENILE SERVICES  
December 2006

JUVENILE REFERRALS	0 JUVENILES
TOTAL JUVENILE ENROLLEES	11 JUVENILES
FEES COLLECTED FOR MONTH	\$ .00
TOTAL FEES COLLECTED FISCAL YEAR	\$1,600.00

COUNTY CLERK CALLS FOR NOMINATIONS OF 2007 COUNTY BOARD CHAIRMAN  
County Clerk Marla Conley called for nominations of 2007 County Board Chairman.

Pamela Lancaster nominated Scott Arnold.

County Clerk Marla Conley called for other nominations.

Bob Humiston nominated Bud Jeffries.

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No other nominations were received, nominations closed.

Ballots were cast and counted by Stacey Ruzicka and Michelle Oldham. Scott Arnold received four votes and Bud Jeffries received three votes. Scott Arnold is the 2007 Hall County Board of Supervisor Chairman

County Clerk Marla Conley called for nominations for the 2007 Vice Chairman of the Hall County Board of Supervisors.

Bob Rye nominated Pamela Lancaster.

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Jim Eriksen passed the gavel the Scott Arnold. The board members will stay in their current positions so the voting board does not have to be changed today.  
As the 2006 County Board Chairman.

COUNTY ATTORNEY – no items listed

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION – Chairman Arnold called for public participation and no one responded.

6 DISCUSSION REGARDING TREE REMOVAL IN COUNTY SUBDIVISION – Eriksen stated that he would like to delay this item until Casey Sherlock from public works is present.

7 DISCUSS AND APPROVE DLR GROUP SPACE PLANNING DOCUMENT FOR REMODEL OF THE PUBLIC SAFETY CENTER AND RELATED SPACE NEEDS – Lancaster stated that the construction of the new corrections facility is under way and the City is scheduled to complete the new Safety Center in December, leaving the old safety center vacant except for a day holding cell. Hall County needs to start planning for the court house annex. It would seem to be a natural fit to have DLR plan for the remodeling.

Lancaster made a motion and Rye seconded move forward with the development of a space planning document to be presented to the county board at the next meeting. The County Attorney will review it before the next meeting. Chairman Arnold called for discussion and no one responded. Arnold, Erikson, Humiston, Jeffries, Lancaster, Rye and Wagoner all voted yes and none voted no. Motion carried.

11. EXECUTIVE SESSION PERFORMANCE EVALUATION – Lancaster made a motion and Erikson seconded to go into executive session. This executive session is to prevent needles harm or injury to an individual. Arnold, Erikson, Humiston, Jeffries, Lancaster, Rye and Wagoner all voted yes and none voted no. Motion carried.

9:20 a.m. executive session

9:24 a.m. Lancaster made a motion and Jeffries seconded to go out of executive session. Arnold, Erikson, Humiston, Jeffries, Lancaster, Rye and Wagoner all voted yes and none voted no. Motion carried.

Lancaster made a motion and Jeffries seconded to authorize the personnel committee to present the performance evaluation to the employee. Arnold, Erikson, Humiston, Jeffries, Lancaster, Rye and Wagoner all voted yes and none voted no. Motion carried. Held a board of equalization meeting.

Held a 5-minute break.

9:30 a.m. returned to regular session

4 PUBLIC HEARING FOR OVER VALUED, UNDER VALUED AND OMITTED PROPERTY – Jeffries made a motion and Erikson seconded to open the public hearing. Arnold, Erikson, Humiston, Jeffries, Lancaster, Rye and Wagoner all voted yes and none voted no. Motion carried.

County Assessor Jan Pelland was present and stated that this is a procedure that is normally held in December but was delayed. Notices of the changes and of the hearing dates were sent to all of the parties and she did not receive any response from them. The changes were made because of corrections that affected the property values removal of the tax exempt status or for the change of the percentage of completion on a new home. She is requesting a motion from the board to approve the values.

Erikson made a motion and Lancaster seconded to approve the value change notices. The board will have to go out of the hearing to make a motion and take action.

The property owners can still protest the values. The notices were sent out December 28, 2006 and they would have until January 27, 2007 to protest the values. If there are no protests filed after 30 days a tax list correction will be written.

Wagoner expressed concern that the mail service to some of the rural areas has not been returned. Pelland stated that they have a full 30 days to protest so it should not be a problem.

Lancaster made a motion and Eriksen seconded to go out of the public hearing. Arnold, Erikson, Humiston, Jeffries, Lancaster, Rye and Wagoner all voted yes and none voted no. Motion carried.

Eriksen made a motion and Lancaster seconded to approve the value change notices. The vote on the motion was taken. Arnold, Erikson, Humiston, Jeffries, Lancaster, Rye and Wagoner all voted yes and none voted no. Motion carried.

Held a break until 10:00 a.m. for the bid opening.

5 PUBLIC WORKS 10:00 A.M. BID OPENING FOR BRIDGE MATERIAL – The following bids were received:

CONTRACTOR	Bid Section "A" Prestressed Conc. Slabs (Precast Alternate	Bid Section "B" Steel Piling	Bid Section "C" Misc. Steel & Guard Rail	TOTAL BID OF ALL PROJECTS
Husker Steel	\$39,360.00	\$32,588.00	\$32,700.00	\$104,918.00 (Tied)
Midwest Service & Sales	\$27,309.24	\$33,161.38	\$30,438.56	\$90,909.18
Concrete Industries	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
L.J. Webb Contractors	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

ACCEPTED BID - BID SECTION "A":	Midwest Service & Sales	
ACCEPTED BID - BID SECTION "B":	Midwest Service & Sales	
ACCEPTED BID - BID SECTION "C":	Midwest Service & Sales	
ACCEPTED TOTAL BID:	Midwest Service & Sales	\$90,909.18

Jeffries made a motion and Eriksen seconded to refer the bids to the public works department to review and come back with a recommendation and authorize the chair to sign the contracts. Arnold, Erikson, Humiston, Jeffries, Lancaster, Rye and Wagoner all voted yes and none voted no. Motion carried.

Held a break for the committee to review the bids.

County Surveyor Casey Sherlock stated that he reviewed the bids and recommends awarding the bid to Midwest Sales & Service with a total bid of \$90,909.18. Arnold, Erikson, Humiston, Jeffries, Lancaster, Rye and Wagoner all voted yes and none voted no. Motion carried.

6 TREE REMOVAL IN COUNTY SUBDIIVISON - Eriksen requested that this was put on the agenda because of phone calls regarding the disposal of trees in the rural subdivisions after the ice storm.

County Surveyor Casey Sherlock was present and stated that they have been removing trees from the larger subdivisions. They are requesting that the subdivisions make one large pile and then the department is removing them. Casey stated that it is gone fairly well and they may need to make return trips to some of the areas. Jeffries stated that he discussed this with Casey and the department is doing a good job. Casey noted that they have a lot of rural road ditches that they also have to clear. They have cut some of the trees back to get them off the roads but will need to go back and finish cleaning the right of ways. Lancaster also thanked Mr. Sherlock for his work. The board suggested that Casey see if he could get some help from the work release inmates.

Mr. Wagoner expressed concern on the fact that some of the roads in the western part of the county had power polls on them and stated that part of the county is in bad shape. Discussion was held that the fire department may be able to assist with hauling water to livestock and it was suggested that the residents contact them.

Arnold stated that the mission of the fire department is to prevent loss of property and they may be able to help. Discussion was held to try and establish collection points for the trees. The County does not have all of the resources that the city has to handle the

tree removal. Mr. Sherlock stated that it will take time but the roads are the first priority. Jeffries noted that some of the roads are in bad shape because of the weather and the heavier traffic. Public works will still have to address clearing the right of ways.

BOARD MEMBER'S REPORTS – Humiston – He reported that the Weed Board held its reorganization meeting and the new Chairman is Francis Hannon, Vice Chairman Neal Sidders and Secretary is Wayne Swadley. The new board member Kelly Markham attended the meeting. The Weed Board received the resignation of William Dibbern. Mr. Dibbern is retiring because of health reasons. This will be on the next agenda for the board to accept.

Eriksen – He stated that when the County Board signed the letter of support for the Scenic Byway they were also asked to appoint a member of the board to serve on this committee. He also noted that when Emergency Management Director Lela Lowry resigned the City is requesting a member of the County Board to serve on the selection committee. Discussion was held and Mr. Eriksen will serve on that committee. He also noted that when the National Day of morning was designated for President Ford and he was asked if Hall County was going to be closed. He communicated with department heads that they could allow 2 hours of paid leave to observe the National Day of Morning. He also stated that Mr. Arnold and He attended the press conference regarding the proposed ethanol plant south of town.

Mr. Eriksen also handed out highlights of the action that the board took last year and after looking at the activities there are a lot of things on the agenda to still be done and he would like to have discussion on this issue. He would like to develop a tracking system on these projects and would also like to address the committee organization and responsibility. He will add this to the next meeting agenda.

Jeffries stated that he had a call regarding the City/County Efficiency Committee and questioned if this still exists. Beth Arnold was County Board is invited to attend this at 10:00 on the 20<sup>th</sup>. The board is also invited to attend the January 16<sup>th</sup> work study session with the City Council regarding the occupation tax on cell phones.

Held a Board of Corrections meeting and conducted the quarterly jail tour. Members attending the jail tour were Scott Arnold, Jim Eriksen, Bob Humiston, Pamela Lancaster, Bob Rye and Daniel Wagoner. Jeffries was not present.

Meeting adjourned. The next meeting will be January 23, 2007.

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Marla J. Conley Hall County Clerk